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For: METHOD OF CALIBRATION OF REVERSE
TRANSCRIPTION USING A SYNTHETIC
MESSENGER RNA (SM-RNA) AS AN
INTERNAL CONTROL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2008, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-15, drawn to a method of normalizing products of a reverse transcription reaction of mRNA extracted from different biological samples, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

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